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Continuous Polymer
Filaments

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed April 23, 2001, please amend the above-identified application for patent as follow.

In The Claims:

Please cancel claim 5, without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims:

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1. (Twice Amended) A nonwoven fabric formed on a three-dimensional image transfer device, said fabric consisting [essentially] of a continuous web of substantially endless thermoplastic melt extruded filaments having a denier of about 0.5 to 3, wherein said filaments are hydroentangled in the form of interengaged packed loops, with the substantially endless filaments being substantially free of breaking, wrapping and knotting.

13. (Twice Amended) A nonwoven fabric formed on a three-dimensional image transfer device, consisting [essentially] of a continuous web of substantially endless melt-extruded thermoplastic filaments having a denier of about 1.0 to 2.5, wherein said filaments are hydroentangled in the form of interengaged packed loops, with the substantially endless